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Pictures from BAY Troupe's
The Grand Tour **8A**

Join us to worship on Christmas Eve!

Service of the Bells 2:00 p.m.

Elementary school children will share the story of Jesus' birth through a live nativity tableau. They will also serve as readers, greeters, and communion servers with their families. Bells are passed out to ring as Christmas carols are sung to close the service.

Candlelight Services....4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Two identical candlelight services with a live nativity tableau enable everyone to come experience the awe and wonder of this holy night. Our Chancel Choir will sing.

**"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,
A SON IS GIVEN!"**

The Reverend Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Candlelight Communion11:00 p.m.

Candlelight, Holy Communion, and music by the Chapel Choir and alumni make this a special service. It ends at midnight, just as Christmas Day begins, then all who want to do so gather to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" one last time in Bishops' Hall.

"HE IS WITH US FOR GOOD!"

The Reverend Dr. Bill Crowell



Children help lead the 2:00 Service of the Bells and create the live nativity tableau.



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

This is the week! We will have four big services on Christmas Eve.

1) 2:00 p.m. - Though children are welcome at all our services, this one is particularly child-friendly. Children read our story, sing in the choirs, enact the tableau of Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and wise men, hand out bells to all worshipers, and help our ministers serve communion.

2) 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. - Our Chancel Choir will sing, our ministers read the story, older youth and adults are Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and wise men. I will be preaching, "FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, A SON IS GIVEN!" Everyone gets a candle, and a darkened sanctuary is lighted by almost 2,000 candles.

3) 11:00 p.m. - Our Chapel Choir and former Chapel Choir members will sing, and Dr. Bill Crowell will preach, "HE IS WITH US FOR GOOD!" I will be chief celebrant for Holy Communion, and all worshipers will have candles to light the sanctuary at the stroke of midnight.

Pick the service, or services, that will work best for you and help us fill our church four times on Christmas Eve.

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Sunday, December 26, we will have a second "July Revival Time" service featuring eight of your favorite Christmas hymns and carols. My sermon will be "IT WAS NO ANGEL THAT SAVED THEM!"

Blessing of gifts is Sunday

Ashley Barrows and Mitchell Nelson (below) and other elementary children have graciously made and given gifts to others throughout this Advent season at the church.

Now all children are invited to bring their own favorite Christmas gift to church this Sunday, December 26, for a Blessing of Gifts during Faith Academy. Children are also encouraged to attend a worship service with their parents Sunday to enjoy the carols and casual format together.



Senior High VIM team to be commissioned Sunday

Our Senior High Youth Volunteer in Mission team will be commissioned at the close of the 8:30 service this Sunday, then will meet at the airport Monday morning at 4:30 to leave on their mission trip. The team includes 15 youth and 5 adults.

Team members will be working to build two cinder block casitas and lead a Mission Bible School for children in Rio Bravo. While there they are looking forward to seeing houses they built on former trips, and to visiting with friends they made there.

Those who purchased youth stock this year will enjoy another return on your investment as our youth report on their trip in the weeks to come.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Christmas offering: UMCOR responds to extreme need in Haiti and worldwide this year

Though two United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) leaders lost their lives in the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the agency has worked full steam to alleviate suffering there and nationwide.

Since the quake, UMCOR has assisted survivors and built a foundation for a large-scale, long-term recovery effort. United Methodists and others donated \$40 million, which is carefully being distributed to empower the people and build a sustainable infrastructure.

UMCOR is funding two important projects, one to support farm families and another to help volunteer-in-mission teams. Modeled after Heifer International the first provides farmers an animal, then they share resources, training, and the animal's offspring with others.

The second has brought 82 mission teams to Haiti this year, and 135 teams will come in 2011. The first quarter of 2012 is already full.

Peace X Peace, a global network of peace builders, recently honored UMCOR with the 2010 Peacebuilder Award, "for seeing what needs to be done and then doing it with love, respect, and humility."

B.A. family update

Deaths

Jack Morris died December 4, 2010. Services were held December 10 at Boston Avenue with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include his daughter, Linda Cox; two grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

Douglas D. Tipton died December 9, 2010. Services were held December 18. Survivors include his grandparents, Gerry and Stoner Arnold.

Richard Haffner died

December 10, 2010. Services were held December 17 in New Braunfels, Texas. Survivors include his sister, Donna Betow.

Shane Oltmans died December 12, 2010. Services were held December 17 at Boston Avenue. Survivors include his mother, Lisa Oltmans of Broken Arrow.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Carl Critz

St. Francis - Patrick

Dolina

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - December 26

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 Communion Service
9:40 Faith Academy and Sunday School
10:40 Children's Worship
11:00 Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing

Monday - December 27

Church closed -

Christmas holiday

Tuesday - December 28

9:00 Overview of the Bible
5:30 Senior High boys basketball

Wednesday - December 29

Thursday - December 30

10:00 Program Staff
5:30 Senior High boys basketball
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes

Friday - December 31

5:30 Gamblers Anonymous

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

Sunday Worship

December 26, 2010

The First Sunday in Christmastide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Sermon: "IT WAS NO ANGEL THAT SAVED THEM!"

Isaiah 63:7-9

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Variations on "God Rest You Merry" I..... Mark Siebert
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: Ave, Ave, the Angel Sang Robert Lau
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Carol of the Bells M. Leontovich; arr. Peter J. Wilhousky
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Hymns & Carols: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

He Is Born

Love Came Down at Christmas

We Three Kings

What Child Is This?

Away in a Manger

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Postlude on "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" David Willcocks

12:10 p.m. Holy Communion & Service of Healing

Youth News!!

Senior High news

Finals are over and Christmas is HERE!! Take a quiet moment to embrace Christ this Christmas season. What have you done to share the message of Christ with others today? Have you shown kindness? Does JOY ooze out of you? In this brief respite from school - take time to CELEBRATE Christ's coming!

This Sunday, December 26th get ready for Sunday BRUNCH!! We will eat together, welcome our college students home and CELEBRATE!! Meet in 420 at 9:40.

Please keep our mission team in your prayers. We will head to the airport at 4:30 a.m. on the 27th. During our short stay we will build 2 casitas and lead a Mission Bible School!

We can't wait to see the casitas that were built in the past, visit with old friends and make new ones! We will return on the afternoon of the 31st.

With Christmas JOY! - Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

If I could fill Santa's sleigh with gifts you, it would be filled with *faith, hope* and *love*. A gift gets better as time goes on, so these three things can grow in you all your life.

We celebrate Jesus' birth tonight, and that is a gift that keeps giving longer than we can imagine. *JOY TO THE WORLD!*

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Eve services and again on Sunday morning on the third floor.

Merry Christmas, everyone!!! - Debbie

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Joy Circle recently made Christmas gifts for Burroughs School students: special book covers to protect their books.

Lectionary Readings

December 26, 2010

Psalm 22:23-31

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Luke 3:1-6

Photos from The Grand Tour



Gifts and Memorials

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Fran Wozencraft

By: RCB Bank

In memory of Margaret Carpenter

By: Rex and Allene Donley

In memory of Ann Kilman

By: Rex and Allene Donley

By: Jeff, Angela and

Xander Sexton

BUILDING ENDOWMENT

In memory of Ann Kilman

By: Patricia Hudson and

others

By: Margaret Ramsey

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, December 26, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages
College & Career, Cornerstone, Heritage, Horizons, New Frontiers, and Pilgrimage - brunch
Homebuilders - David Robbins, "Gloria"
Maranatha - brunch and Paul Loyd, "The Blessing of Light"
Roundtable - Valerie Judkins, "A Cup of Christmas Tea"
Seek & Discover - Dick Martin